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NOMINATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Joseph Missal, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Blumenthal, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-

ligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

DRUG TRAFFICKING ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Caucus concluded a hearing to examine drug trafficking across the Southwest Border and oversight of United States counterdrug assistance to Mexico, including S. 32 and H.R. 3380, bills to provide the Department of Justice with additional tools to target extraterritorial drug trafficking activity, after receiving testimony from Michael P. Botticelli, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; William R. Brownfield, Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Jack Riley, Acting Deputy Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Todd C. Owen, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 32 public bills, H.R. 4023–4054; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 530, were introduced. **Pages H8279–80**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8281–82**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 529, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1210) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to provide a safe harbor from certain requirements related to qualified mortgages for residential mortgage loans held on an originating depository institution's portfolio, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3189) to amend the Federal Reserve Act to establish requirements for policy rules and blackout periods of the Federal Open Market Committee, to establish requirements for certain activities of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and to amend title 31, United States Code, to reform the manner in which the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System is audited, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 20, 2015, through November 27, 2015 (H. Rept. 114–341). **Page H8279**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fleischmann to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8245**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8250**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, November 16th:

Fairness to Veterans for Infrastructure Investment Act of 2015: H.R. 1694, to amend MAP–21 to improve contracting opportunities for veteran-owned small business concerns, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 138 nays, Roll No. 631; and

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Providing funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities: H.R. 3114, amended, to provide funds to the Army Corps of Engineers to hire veterans and members of the Armed Forces to assist the Corps with curation and historic preservation activities, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 632. **Page H8260**

Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 511, to clarify the rights of Indians and

Indian tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 633.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 526, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1737) and (H.R. 511) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 243 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 630, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 629.

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Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 526, the House shall be considered to have: (1) taken from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves; (2) stricken all after the enacting clause of such bill and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of H.R. 5, as passed by the House; and (3) passed the Senate bill as so amended. Additionally, it shall be in order for the chair of the Committee on Education and the Workforce or his designee to move that the House insist on its amendment to S. 1177 and request a conference with the Senate thereon.

Every Child Achieves Act of 2015—Motion to go to Conference: Pursuant to H. Res. 526, the House agreed to the Kline motion to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, insist on the House amendment, and request a conference with the Senate thereon, by voice vote.

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The Chair appointed the following Members of the House to the conference committee on the bill: Representatives Kline, Foxx, Roe (TN), Thompson (PA), Guthrie, Rokita, Messer, Grothman, Russell, Curbelo (FL), Scott (VA), Davis (CA), Fudge, Polis, Wilson (FL), Bonamici, and Clark (MA).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, 2015: H. Res. 524, amended, condemning in the strongest terms the terrorist attacks in Paris, France, on November 13, 2015, that resulted in the loss of at least 129 lives.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 5:21 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:26 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

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Additional Conferees: The Chair announced the appointment of the following additional conferees on H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sec. 1111 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thornberry, Rogers (AL), and Loretta Sanchez (CA).

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 1109, 1201, 1202, 3003, Division B, secs. 31101, 31201, and Division F of the House amendment and secs. 11005, 11006, 11013, 21003, 21004, subtitles B and D of title XXXIV, secs. 51101 and 51201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Upton, Mullin, and Pallone.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sec. 32202 and Division G of the House amendment and secs. 52203 and 52205 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hensarling, Neugebauer, and Maxine Waters (CA).

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 1313, 24406, and 43001 of the House amendment and secs. 32502 and 35437 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodlatte, Marino, and Lofgren.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 1114–16, 1120, 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1307, 1308, 1310–1313, 1316, 1317, 10001, and 10002 of the House amendment and secs. 11024–27, 11101–13, 11116–18, 15006, 31103–05, and 73103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thompson (PA), LaHood, and Grijalva.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of secs. 5106, 5223, 5504, 5505, 61003, and 61004 of the House amendment and secs. 12004, 21019, 31203, 32401, 32508, 32606, 35203, 35311, and 35212 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Mica, Hurd (TX), and Connolly.

From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 3008, 3015, 4003, and title VI of the House amendment and secs. 11001, 12001, 12002, 12004, 12102, 21009, 21017, subtitle B of title XXXI, secs. 35105 and 72003 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith (TX), Comstock, and Edwards.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of secs. 31101, 31201, and 31203 of

the House amendment, and secs. 51101, 51201, 51203, 52101, 52103–05, 52108, 62001, and 74001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Brady (TX), Reichert, and Levin.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the 2015 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, Education and the Workforce, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, the Judiciary, Natural Resources, Oversight and Government Reform, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, Ways and Means, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 114–79).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8258, H8258–59, H8259–60, H8260, and H8272. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. INTERNATIONAL FOOD AID PROGRAMS: TRANSPORTATION PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture; and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, held a joint hearing entitled “U.S. International Food Aid Programs: Transportation Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from David J. Berteau, Assistant Secretary of Defense, Logistics and Material Readiness, Department of Defense; Paul N. (Chip) Jaenichen, Sr., Administrator, Maritime Administration; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE REGULATION OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTS AND LABORATORY OPERATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining the Regulation of Diagnostic Tests and Laboratory Operations”. Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Shuren, Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; and Patrick Conway, Deputy Administrator for Innovation and Quality and Chief Medical Officer, Office of the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission”. Testimony was heard from the following Federal Communications Commission officials: Tom Wheeler, Chairman; Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner; Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner; Ajit Pai, Commissioner; and Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1321, the “Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015”; H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”; H.R. 3014, the “Medical Controlled Substances Transportation Act”; H.R. 3537, the “Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2015”; H.R. 3716, the “Ensuring Terminated Providers Are Removed from Medicaid and CHIP Act”; H.R. 3821, the “Medicaid Directory of Caregivers Act”; H. J. Res. 71, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; H.J. Res. 72, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units”; and S. 611, the “Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act”.

DODD-FRANK FIVE YEARS LATER: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM CONFLICT MINERALS REPORTING?

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Dodd-Frank Five Years Later: What Have We Learned from Conflict Minerals Reporting?”. Testimony was heard from Kimberly Gianopoulos, Director for International Trade, Government Accountability Office; Evode Imena, Minister of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources, Republic of Rwanda; and public witnesses.